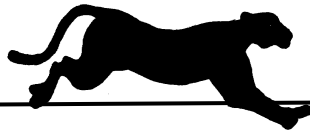


SafeHomes

Central York Communities That Care



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Mission Statement for Safe Homes

“Parents, guardians and community working together for a drug free, violence free youth.”

Goal

Community-wide group of parents/adults empowered to work together to implement the SAFE HOMES project in their homes, schools, and community.

PLEASE SIGN SAFE HOMES PLEDGE AND RETURN to your school or send to:
Central York CTC, 2801 Hayshire Dr., York PA 17406.
Sign the pledge every year!

SAFE HOMES PLEDGE FORM

- 1. I/we will set expectations for my/our child(ren) by knowing where they are going, whom they are with, what their plans are, and when they are to return home.
- 2. I/we will actively supervise all gatherings or parties of youth in our home or on our property, or ask another responsible adult for help to do so.
- 3. I/we will not allow the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, other drugs, or violence by youth in our home or on our property.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

Signature of Parent (s) _____

Child(ren)'s Name	Grade	School
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

(This pledge is NOT a legally binding contract but rather a family agreement.)

WHAT IS THE SAFE HOMES PROJECT?

It is a project that provides a way for parents/guardians to talk to their children.

- *Parents/guardians will know the whereabouts of their children and set appropriate expectations and consequences for their children's behavior.*
- *Parents/guardians will supervise all gatherings of youth in their homes or on their property.*
- *Parents/guardians will not allow the possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, other drugs or violence by youth in their homes or on their property.*

EXPECTATIONS AS A PARENT

- Set age-appropriate family guidelines for your children and know:
 1. where your children are going,
 2. who they will be with,
 3. what the plans are,
 4. when they are expected to return home and what the consequences will be if this rule is broken.
- Actively support and enforce a clear, consistent message and policy for all youth that there will be "NO USE" of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, other drugs or violence.
- Talk to other parents and agree on expectations, rules and consequences.

FAMILY GUIDELINES

- Inform your children that you have signed the SAFE HOMES parent pledge and talk about why you think it is important.
- Know where your children are going, whom they are with, what they are doing, and when they are expected to return home.
- Know ahead of time what the consequences will be if they are not where they agreed to be or are late returning home.
- Be awake (or awakened) when they return home at night.
- Let your children know where you will be.
- Assure your children that they can phone you to be picked up wherever and whenever needed.
- Get to know your children's friends and their parents.

COMMUNICATE

With your child

- That being drug free and violence free is the "norm" in your home.
- That parents "are in charge."
- That there are clear expectations and consequences for behavior.

With other parents

- That your home is a safe, healthy, violence free, drug free place for all youth.
- That responsible adults actively supervise all gatherings and parties for youth/children.
- That a call or communication from parents is welcomed.

With other youth

- That there will be no alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other drugs provided.
- That there will be regular contact with their parents.
- That the "expectations" are the same for all.

AS A HOST PARENT

- Encourage "by invitation only" activities.
- Never permit "party crashers"; use a guest list.
- Be a visible, active host. Tell guests who choose to leave the activity they may not return.
- Call the parents of youth who leave and inform them so they'll know you are no longer supervising the child.

NEVER allow anyone under the "influence" to leave. (MUST be with an adult). Call the parent or police.

AS A PARENT OF A YOUTH INVITED TO AN ACTIVITY OR PARTY

- Call the host parent and introduce yourself.
- Verify with the parent the occasion and location.
- Check that there will be adult supervision.
- Verify that there will be NO alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, other drugs or violence allowed.
- If the activity seems inappropriate, express your concern to the parent and to your child; keep your child home and plan/seek another activity.

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WHAT IS COMMUNITITES THAT CARE?

CTC is a community framework for engaging the entire community in promoting the healthy development of young people. It is specifically designed to reach out to young people and their families. The CTC process is research-based and strives to reduce risk factors for youth and increase protective factors.

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